

JOINT DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION

As the below named inventors, we hereby declare that:

Our residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to our names;

We believe we are the original, first and sole inventors of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled **DISTRIBUTED SYSTEM FOR ISSUING OFFICIAL STAMPS AND/OR TITLES APPLYING DEDICATED SMART CARDS**

- ☐ is attached hereto.
☒ was filed on April 28, 2005 as Application Serial Number 10/532,880 and was amended on 28 April 2005 (if applicable).
☒ was filed under the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) and accorded International Application No. PCT/IT2003/000703, filed 30 October 2003 and amended on October 14, 2004.

We hereby state that we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

We hereby acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a).

Prior Foreign Application(s)

We hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

Country	Application No.	Date of Filing (day month year)	Date of Issue (day month year)	Priority Claimed Under 35 U.S.C. §119
ITALY	TO2002A000939	30 October 2002		YES

Prior United States Provisional Application(s)

We hereby claim priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119(e)(1) of any U.S. provisional application listed below:

U.S. Provisional Application No.	Date of Filing (day month year)	Priority Claimed Under 35 U.S.C. §119(e)(1)

Prior United States Application(s)

We hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112. We acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

Application Serial No.	Date of Filing (Day, Month, Year)	Status X Patented, Pending, Abandoned

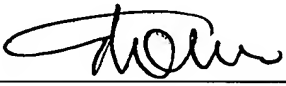
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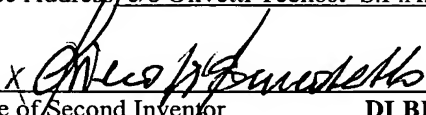
And we hereby appoint, both jointly and severally, as our attorneys, all attorneys under PTO Customer Number 22907, with full power of substitution and revocation, to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office.

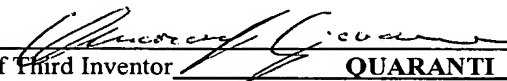
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Banner & Witcoff, Ltd.
Customer Number: 22907 (WDC)

We hereby declare that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, We, **Giancarlo TONINO**, residing at via Tomalino 6-Bienca-10010 Chiaverano-Italy; **Pier Domenico DI BENEDETTO**, residing at via S. Giovanni Bosco 14-10144 Torino-Italy and **Giovanni QUARANTI**, residing at via Castellamonte 12/1-10010 Banchette D'Ivrea (TO)-Italy, are the inventors of certain inventions and improvements described in a U.S. patent application identified by Attorney Docket No. 000280.00053 and having the title:

***DISTRIBUTED SYSTEM FOR ISSUING OFFICIAL STAMPS AND/OR TITLES
APPLYING DEDICATED SMART CARDS***

which application is executed concurrently herewith, unless the following box is checked:

[X] was filed on April 28, 2005 as U.S. Application Serial No. 10/532,880 or PCT International Application Number PCT/IT2003/000703, filed 30 October 2003

and WHEREAS

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ASSIGNEE, desires to acquire the entire right, title and interest in and to the said application, inventions and improvements and any patents that may be granted on or as a result thereof in the United States of America (U.S.) and in any and all foreign countries;

NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged,

We hereby assign, to the above named ASSIGNEE, its successors, assigns and legal representatives (NOMINEES) the entire right, title and interest in and to said application, inventions and improvements throughout the world and to any and all patents, petty patents and utility model patents which may be granted therefor, and all continuations, continuations-in-part, divisions, reissues, extensions, renewals, and any non-provisional based on a provisional thereof (LETTERS PATENT).

And we covenant that we have full right to convey the entire interest herein assigned, and that we have not executed and will not execute any agreement or do anything in conflict herewith;

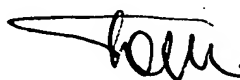
And we further covenant and agree that We will without undue delay execute without further consideration all such papers as may be necessary to perfect the title to said application, inventions and improvements, and LETTERS PATENT in the ASSIGNEE or its NOMINEES, and we agree to communicate to said ASSIGNEE or its NOMINEES all known facts respecting said application, inventions, improvements, and LETTERS PATENT, to testify in any legal proceedings, to sign all lawful papers, and generally to do all things necessary to aid ASSIGNEE or its NOMINEES to obtain and

enforce for their own benefit patent protection for said application, inventions and improvements in any and all countries, all at the expense, however, of the ASSIGNEE or its NOMINEES;

And we authorize the ASSIGNEE or its NOMINEES to file in our names or their own, as appropriate, application for LETTERS PATENT in any and all countries of the world, and we authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks of the United States, and any proper official of any country, to issue to said ASSIGNEE or its NOMINEES any and all LETTERS PATENT for said application, inventions and improvements, for their sole use, to the full end of the term for which such LETTERS PATENT may be granted;

And we hereby grant our attorneys at the law firm of Banner & Witcoff the power to insert into this document information sufficient to identify the patent application to which this assignment pertains.

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Note: No legalization or other witness required.

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